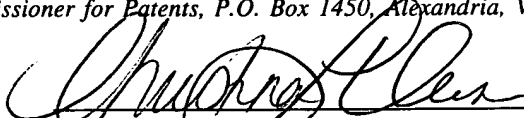


REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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Christina L. Vann

Application Number : 09/997,264  
Filing Date : November 28, 2001  
Inventor(s) : Jacques Prodel, et al.  
Title : INSTALLATION FOR THE CIRCULATION OF PART-CARRYING  
PALLETES AND A PROCESS FOR THE ASSEMBLY THEREOF  
  
Group Art Unit : 3726  
Examiner Name : John C. Hong  
Docket No. : 45976/DBP/N75 Date: September 27, 2004

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

This application is **not** an application of the kind specified in 37 CFR § 1.114(e).

1. THE STATUS OF THE APPLICATION IS AS FOLLOWS:

- a. ☒ Pending (no review proceedings active)  
(1) ☒ An Action was mailed by the Office on March 26, 2004, as to which no appeal under 37 CFR § 1.191 has been filed and  
☒ a response under 37 CFR § 1.116 was mailed on June 24, 2004  
☐ via Express Mail  
☒ with certificate of mailing under 37 CFR § 1.8  
☒ that Action was a Final Rejection, the finality of which is to be withdrawn by this Request  
☐ an appeal or civil action under 35 U.S.C. 141,145 or 146 has been terminated  
(2) ☐ Allowed: the Notice of Allowance was mailed by the Office on  
☐ the Issue Fee has not been paid  
☐ the Issue Fee has been paid **and** a petition under 37 CFR § 1.313 was granted on  
  
b. ☐ Pending (with review proceeding active)  
An appeal under 37 CFR § 1.191 has been filed. **Applicant(s) hereby withdraw that appeal and request reopening of the prosecution of the application.**

2. SUBMISSION(S) REQUIRED (check at least one)

- a. Previously submitted  
☐ Consider the amendments/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on  
☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal or Reply Brief previously filed on

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- \_\_\_\_\_ Other:  
b. Enclosed  
      X   Amendment/Reply  
    \_\_\_\_\_ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)  
    \_\_\_\_\_ Information Disclosure Statement  
    \_\_\_\_\_ Documents under 37 CFR § 1.48  
      X   Petition for Extension of Time  
    \_\_\_\_\_ Other:

Please direct all correspondence to **CUSTOMER NUMBER 23363**. Direct telephone calls to 626/795-9900, **CHRISTIE, PARKER & HALE, LLP, P.O. Box 7068, Pasadena, CA 91109-7068**.

Respectfully submitted,

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
FEE CALCULATION SHEET**

**Application No. 09/997,264**

<b>PART I — BASIC FEE</b>			
<b>BASIC FEE</b>	<b>Small Entity \$385.00</b>	<b>Large Entity \$770.00</b>	<b>\$770</b>

<b>PART II — ADDITIONAL CLAIMS (compared to application before RCE)</b>						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Number Extra Claims	Small Entity Rate	Large Entity Rate	FEE
Total Claims	16	*20	0	0 x \$9.00	0 x \$18.00	0
Independent Claims	1	**3	0	0 x \$43.00	0 x \$86.00	0
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim				\$145.00	\$290.00	0
<b>TOTAL CLAIMS FEE</b>						<b>\$0</b>
List Independent Claims: 1						
* IF THE "HIGHEST NUMBER OF TOTAL CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR" IS LESS THAN 20, WRITE "20" IN THIS SPACE. ** IF THE HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID OR IS 3 OR LESS, WRITE "3" IN THIS SPACE.						

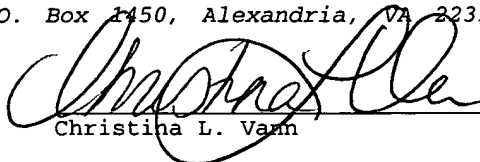
1. **FEES** *(The RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)*
  - a. Amount (total from Fee Calculation Sheet)  
A check for \$770 is enclosed.
  - b. X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required for this transaction to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. A **duplicate copy hereof is enclosed.**
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**AMENDMENT WITH REQUEST  
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Commissioner:

In response to the Final Office action of March 26, 2004 and the Advisory Action of August 3, 2004 please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.